



Suguta, Great Rift Valley  
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# NORTHERN KENYA

4 DAYS BY HELICOPTER



## NORTHERN KENYA - HIGHLIGHTS

*- wildlife, landscapes & culture -*

Lewa landscapes and wildlife - from Sirikoi Lodge

Ancient cycad forest of the Mathews Range

Mount Nyiro & the beautiful retreat of Desert Rose

Sand dunes of the Suguta and flamingo shores of Lake Logipi

Southern and Eastern shores of Lake Turkana

Turkana Basin Institute - research of human prehistory (museum and excavation sites)

Scenic flight through the Great Rift, from Turkana to Silale Crater

Kipsing Fly Camping & quad biking fun!





# HELICOPTER SAFARI ITINERARY

*at a glance*

## DAY 1: LEWA

Private flight from Jomo Kenyatta International Airport to Lewa, where you will meet your helicopter. Game drives and sundowner excursions.

*Sirikoi Lodge*

## DAY 2: LEWA

Optional Mount Kenya dawn flight with fly fishing, and heli sundowners over the savannah landscape, landing on the top of one of Samburu's iconic rock kopjes.

*Sirikoi Lodge*

## DAY 3: TURKANA

Fly via the cycad forests of the Mathews Range to Desert Rose for lunch. Afternoon scenic flight to the lakes, touching down on the deserts at sunset.

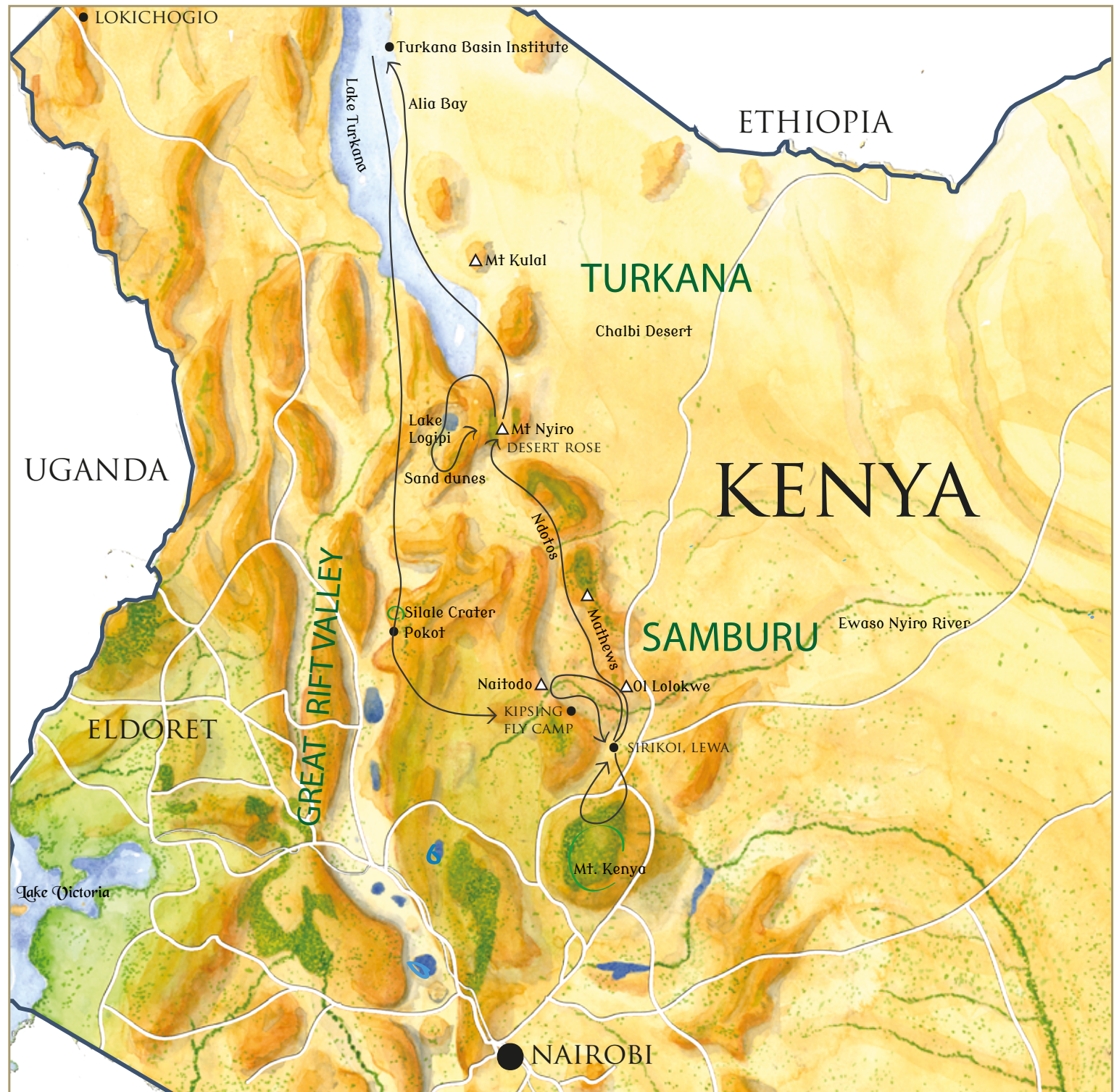
*Desert Rose*

## DAY 4: TURKANA

Visit to the Turkana Basin Institute to learn about early man and the archaeological findings of the Leakey family. Scenic flight south through the amazing Suguta Valley, and on to the Kipsing Valley. Meet Latitude Adventures Africa, for a night of fly camping and quad biking.

*Kipsing Fly Camp*

## DAY 5: SAFARI ENDS







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## LEWA WILDLIFE CONSERVANCY

Lewa is a 62,000 acre private wildlife conservancy, famous for its Black Rhino conservation.

Game drives are exciting and rewarding, with good chances of spotting some of the unique wildlife species to Northern Kenya, including Grevy's zebra, Reticulated giraffe, Somali ostrich, gerenuk, Greater kudu, Beisa oryx. Cheetah and lion also roam the plains. Nature walks, picnics and sundowners are some of the exciting activities on offer.



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## SIRIKOI

*Lewa Wildlife Conservancy*

A spectacular game lodge surrounded by the Lewa Wildlife Conservancy in Northern Kenya, beautifully set within a shady acacia grove overlooking a natural waterhole.

Offering an amazing game experience, adventure and excitement, Sirikoi also provides the perfect luxury.





*Optional Extra*

## MOUNT KENYA BY HELICOPTER

*Dawn flight around the peaks, touching down at Lake Michaelson to take in the incredible views and unique mountain flora.*

Iconic in shape and size, Mount Kenya is situated in the heart of Kenya, on the equator - its highest peak 'Batian' stands at 5,199 meters.

The vast and desolate nature of Mount Kenya with its towering summit, sheer cliffs and glaciers become apparent as we circulate above the peaks of Batian and Nelion.



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Optional Extra

## OL LOLOKWE & NAITODO SUNDOWNER FLIGHT

*Laikipia & Samburu from the air, and onto the magnificent summit of 'Ol Lolokwe'. Back via 'Naitodo' – a kopje of giant rocks made famous by David Attenborough during the filming of BBC's Africa series.*

Low level helicopter flight over the plains of Laikipia and Samburu, spotting game and taking in the diverse unspoiled landscapes.







## FLYING NORTH

*Through Samburu country & over the Ewaso Nyiro*

Ewaso Nyiro River flows constantly - it represents life for the people, livestock and wildlife of the arid north.







## MATHEWS RANGE

*Known as a 'sky island', the 150km long Mathews Range rises from the dry desolate country, exposing lush forested hills and craggy peaks.*

Natural springs and rivers flow through the valleys, and sacred sites of the Samburu lay hidden for feasting and dancing ceremonies. Untouched, a pristine ancient cycad forest grows here in abundance.







## MOUNT NYIRO

*Picnic breakfast in a grassy glade*

Mount Nyiro – surrounded by desert, with its summit reaching over 3,000 metres, is densely forested and provides water and dry-weather feeding grounds for the Samburu livestock.







## DESERT ROSE

*A unique and beautiful hand-crafted private retreat, perched on the remote forested slopes of Mount Nyiro.*

Desert Rose is designed around various natural features with dramatic views and lush indigenous gardens. With its easy access to sand dunes of the Suguta Valley and the shores of Lake Turkana, Desert Rose is a perfect over-night destination.







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*Afternoon scenic flight - northern part of the Suguta Valley*

## LAKE LOGIPI

Lake Logipi, a seasonal saline lake - often full of flamingo - lies at the southern end of Lake Turkana. The lake is about 6km wide by 3 kms long, and very shallow.



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*Sundowners on the Sandunes*

SUGUTA VALLEY



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*Southern shores of*

## LAKE TURKANA

Lake Turkana is the largest desert lake in the world, surrounded by an arid, almost extra-terrestrial landscape, and commonly referred to as the 'jade sea' because of its amazing turquoise colour.

The three national parks that are found here, serve as vital breeding grounds for the Nile crocodile, and an important stopover for migrant birds. The region, rich in fossils, has contributed more to the understanding of paleo-environments than any other place on earth.







## LAKE TURKANA

*The lake's shores have revealed some of the world's oldest fossil finds  
- from dinosaurs to early Man - discovered by the famous palaeontologists  
- the Leakey family.*

Rock art of the Batwa people (Twa Hunter Gatherers ancestrally related to the Pygmies) is found all over eastern and central Africa, and is believed to be around 500 to 1000 years old.







## TURKANA BASIN INSTITUTE

### *Sibiloi National Park*

With four decades of research in the Turkana Basin, the geological history and the early life of man has been well documented. Fossil deposits here, date back to the Cretaceous era, 165 million years ago. The TBI (Turkana Basin Institute) is a scientific research station, focusing on human prehistory. This is a non-profit initiative, founded by Richard Leakey, that not only supports research but is committed to safeguarding the extensive fossil deposits in the region.







## PETRIFIED FOREST

*Sibiloi National Park*

One of its kind in Kenya, this amazing petrified forest, believed to be 7 million years old, was discovered by researchers in the early 70's. Along with remains of early elephants and rhino, as well as crocodiles, turtles and tortoises, these fossilised trees are evidence of climate change in the Lake Turkana Basin.







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*Scenic flight through the*  
**SUGUTA VALLEY**

Geologists have long been fascinated with this part of the Great Rift Valley. They have studied ancient sediments and fossil remains, and pieced together the history of a lake that rose and fell multiple times over the past 18,000 years.







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# THE SUGUTA

*Great Rift Valley*

Diverse and changing landscapes



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*Optional Extra*

## POKOT CULTURAL EXPERIENCE

*Cultural interaction with the Pokot people, and a rare insight into their amazing traditions.*

The Pokot are nomadic pastoralists, living in a remote and desolate part of the Suguta Valley, just north of Lake Baringo. They are independent and conservative by nature, and have deep rooted cultural systems of governance.



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## FLY CAMPING

*Kipsing Valley in Samburu*

Private fly camp with simple mosie-net style tents - for a night under the starry sky.







## KIPSING VALLEY

*Fly camping and Quad biking*

From the base of a simple fly camp, set up in a specially selected secluded and scenic location, we will explore the region and enjoy its unique wildlife.







## KIPSING VALLEY

*Buggy and quad biking fun!*

Exploring the arid landscape by quad bikes is a thrilling way to traverse the sandy luggas and rocky hillsides, whilst spotting a variety of wildlife - small and large!





HELI SAFARI  
ENDS







Private helicopter and pilot / guides are provided by Tropic Air - a leading air charter company based in East Africa, specialising in heli-safaris and adventures, with more than 10 years of experience in this field.

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*Tropic Air*

*Nanyuki, Kenya*

